



PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

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KAWAZURA et al.

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For: RUBBER COMPOSITION

AMENDMENT UNDER 37 CFR § 1.111

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Date: December 27, 2004

Sir:

In reply to the outstanding Office Action dated August 27, 2004, the period for response having been extended one month from November 27, 2004, to December 27, 2004 with the filing of the attached Petition for Extension of Time, please amend the application as shown on the following pages: